Clearing up of silted wet lands in Kothapalam village.

* 272-C Q.—Sri K. KRISHNA RAO: Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that wet lands of Kothapalam and Kota villages in Gudur taluk, Nellore district, were silted up in 1918, due to floods of Challakalva; and

(b) whether it is a fact that wet assessment is nevertheless being collected from holders of lands in clause (a) from fasli 1329?

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER:—" (a) & (b) Due to floods in Challakalva in 1918, 50 acres of wet lands in Kota village and 60 acres in Kothapalam village were silted up with sand and had become unfit for raising wet crops. On the representation made by the ryots of Kothapalam in the year 1941, an extent of 40 acres of the silted wet land in that village was transferred to dry. The remaining extent of 20 acres in Kothapalam and the extent of 50 acres in Kota still remain registered as wet lands. As these lands are being treated as mamul wastes, wet assessment is collected on them."

Sri K. KRISHNA RAO:—" Am I to understand that the assessment is collected on absolutely waste lands and is not in any way connected with the supply of water to that particular land? "

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER:—" The consideration is that when a land is classified as mamul waste, a particular rate of tax is collected. I may inform the hon. Member that the ryots of these villages have agreed to reclaim these lands by the use of tractors and bulldozers on the usual hire basis and that is being attended to."

Vigilance Committees.

* 272-D Q.—Sri S. NARAYANAPPA: Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(a) what are the functions and constitution of vigilance committees; and

(b) how many vigilance committees have been formed in Anantapur district and how many are to be formed yet?

The Hon. Sri C. RAJAGOPALACHARI:—" (a) For watch specially at nights in view of apprehended danger from non-law-abiding groups.

" (b) The Government have called for information."

Sri PILLALAMARRI VENKATESWARLU:—" May I know who those non-law-abiding groups are? "

The Hon. Sri C. RAJAGOPALACHARI:—" Those who do not abide by law, Sir."